

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-25 and 27 are pending. The Office Action allowed claims 1-24 and indicated claim 26 contained allowable subject matter. In response, claim 25 has been amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26, and claim 26 has been correspondingly canceled. Claim 25 is designated as “amended” and the entire text of claim 25 is underlined, in accordance with the requirements of MPEP 1453 (Amendments to Reissue Applications).

Accordingly, by admission of the Office Action, claims 1-25 should now be allowed.

Claim 27 is the only remaining claim, and it was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. patent 5,991,713 to Unger. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration for at least the following reasons:

Claim 27 recites:

27. A method for processing a source compressed data stream comprising the steps of:
extracting source segments from said source compressed data stream; and
selectively modifying a status of said first group of source segments,
without decompressing information in the source segments, ***to generate a first group of target segments.***

(*Emphasis added.*) Claim 27 patently defines over the cited Unger reference for at least the reason that the Unger reference fails to disclose the features emphasized above.

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Office Action quotes the language from Unger that is relied upon for rejecting claim 27. Significantly, however, there is no teaching in this (or any) portion of Unger of the claimed “selectively modifying a status of said first group of source segments ... to generate a first group of target segments.” Instead, Unger merely teaches that certain blocks from a compressed file (or other source) “can be decompressed without reading or decompressing any other block from secondary storage (disk) or memory.” This, however, is not the

same as selectively MODIFYING a status of the first group of source segments to generate a first group of target segments.

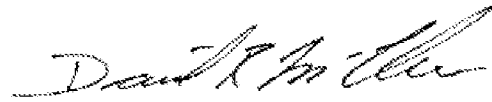
For at least this reason, independent claim 27 patently defines over the cited Unger reference, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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